## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND NORTHERN DIVISION

BRITTNEY GOBBLE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC., et al.,

Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

USA ENTERTAINMENT NEWS, INC. d/b/a "WENN" and "WORLD ENTERTAINMENT NEWS NETWORK",

Third-Party Defendant.

Case No. 1:18-cv-03403-SAG (Lead Case)

Case No. 1:18-cv-03384-SAG Case No. 1:19-cv-00559-SAG Case No. 1:19-cv-00606-SAG

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

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Plaintiff Brittney Gobble Photography, LLC, and Defendants Sinclair Broadcasting Group, Inc., *et al.*, pursuant to the Court's November 25, 2019 and January 9, 2020 Orders, ECF 79 and 106, file this joint status report to the Court and state as follows:

- 1. On January 9, 2020, the parties participated in private mediation with Theo K. Cheng, Esq. in New York, New York. No resolution was reached.
- 2. On January 14, 2020, counsel for the parties conferred regarding outstanding discovery issues and the contents of this status report.
- 3. There are three depositions remaining to be scheduled. One of a fact witness, Amanda Ota, and two of Defendants' expert witnesses. The parties hope to complete these depositions by the end of February 2020.

- 4. Since the mediation was unsuccessful, the parties have resumed their discussions to narrow the scope of the production of electronically stored information by Defendants. See ECF 75 (November 14, 2019 Joint Status Report). Once narrowed, Defendants will be able to advise Plaintiff how much time Defendants will need to complete their production.
- 5. Counsel for Plaintiff has informed counsel for Defendants of its intention to file a Second Amended Complaint. The parties have agreed that Plaintiff will send Defendants a redlined version of the complaint in an attempt to secure Defendants' consent and avoid motion practice. If Defendants' consent is not forthcoming, Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to file the Second Amended Complaint.
- 6. Defendant has requested that Plaintiff determine if Plaintiff can produce documents reflecting the photographs that Brittney Gobble previously displayed on the website lykoicat.com.
- 7. Plaintiff's motions to strike regarding Defendants' 30(b)(6) witnesses' errata sheets—ECF 73, 74, 76—are fully briefed. Plaintiff's reply in support of its Motion for Sanctions for the Spoliation of Evidence, ECF 96, is due on January 22, 2020.

Dated: January 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 15th day of January 2020, a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was filed electronically. Notice of the filing will be sent to all parties who have appeared by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

/s/ Thomas P. Burke Jr.

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